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DIRECTIONS FOR OBTAINING PERSONAL IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

Recently, announcements have appeared in towns and villages on the citizen's duty to submit applications (questionnaires) for personal identity documents. On 2 May 1952, workers of the Population Register started to distribute printed forms or applications to citizens on the basis of which will be issued uniform personal identity documents.

According to the decree on personal identity documents and the directive for its execution, every Polish citizen over 18 years of age residing in Poland must have a personal identity document. Youths between 16 and 18 years of age who are self-supporting, or who are not living with parents or guardians, must have a temporary certificate of identity. Other citizens between 16 and 18 may also file for temporary certificates of identity.

Extensive war destruction in Poland, repatriation of scores of citizens from other countries, and mass resettlement in the Recovered Territories have resulted in many citizens either not having identity documents or else having certificates, issued by various institutions or authorities, which are not adequate substitutes for identity documents. Citizens who lack proper identity documents have difficulty in settling official matters, vital statistics formalities, military registration, and other matters requiring proof of the citizen's identity.

Uniform identity documents will eliminate all these difficulties and will simplify the movement of the rural population to urban centers. It will also eliminate the necessity of using identification documents issued during the Hitlerite occupation.

The new identity document of a citizen of People's Poland will introduce order in personal documentation. It is to the advantage of the citizens themselves to fulfill all the formalities for obtaining a personal identity document as soon as possible.

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To obtain a personal identity document or temporary certificate of identity, the following should be submitted: the completed application (questionnaire), three photographs executed in the prescribed manner, available identity documents, birth certificate (original or copy, if the birth certificate has been issued by a foreign authority, with a certified translation by the presidium of the gmina or town national council), and marriage certificate for married persons. The latter pertains especially to married women since it verifies the change of maiden name.

Other documents are required according to circumstances, such as the death certificate of spouse, copies of court orders for divorce, and children's birth certificates.

Certificates from the place of employment or school issued by the proper institutions and trade organizations stating occupation or source of income must also be submitted.

All citizens in submitting applications should show their occupancy registration card and persons subject to universal military service must also show their military document (military booklet, certificate of military registration, etc.).

Citizens who have submitted a birth or marriage certificate to the authorities since 1 October 1950 are not required to submit another such document but should indicate on page 3 of the application the authority that accepted these documents.

Applications are now being distributed to citizens at their place of residence by Population Register employees carrying credentials issued by the pertinent presidiums of national councils. These employees are also authorized to accept the completed applications together with the required documents.

The listing of children under 16 is optional on the father's application, but mandatory on the mother's application.

The Population Register employee shall issue a receipt for the surrendered documents to the citizen's place of residence.

Military personnel on active duty and members of the Service to Poland are not required to submit applications. All others are subject to criminal prosecution for failure to apply as scheduled in official announcements.

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